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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF BULGARIAN FISHING VESSEL

ROME FOR USDEL TO ICNAF

REF: STATE 017627

1. UPON RECEIPT OF REFTEL I SOUGHT MEETING WITH AMB AVRAMOV, HEAD AMERICAS DEPT. MFA, AND MEET WITH HIM MORNING JANUARY 27. SETFORTH SEIZURE CASE AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL INCLUDING OUR INTENTION NOT TO PUBLICIZE INCIDENT, BUT IF QUESTIONED, WILL RESPOND BY GIVING FACTS.

2. AVRAMOV THANKED DEPT AND EMBASSY FOR PROMPTLY NOTIFYING GOB AND ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, OF SEIZURE. SAID GOB HAD FIRST LEARNED OF INCIDENT FROM CAPTAIN WHO CONTACTED HIS HOME PORT OF BURGAS. CAPTAIN CLAIMED HIS INSTRUMENTS SHOWED VESSEL TO BE 13 MILES OFF SHORE BUT AVRAMOV DID NOT ARGUE THIS POINT. SAID BULGARIAN EMBASSY HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO RETAIN LAWYER AS SUGGESTED BY DEPT. ADDED THAT HIS GOVT DOES NOT CONSIDER INCIDENT TO BE OVERLY SERIOUS AND HOPES THAT DEPT WILL DO WHAT
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IT CAN WITHIN THE LAW TO BRING CASE TO SPEEDY CONCLUSION.

APPRECIATED OUR INTENTION NOT TO ISSUE PRESS RELEASE ON INCIDENT AND ADDED THAT GOB WILL GIVE IT NO PUBLICITY. HE UNDERSTANDS, HOWEVER, THAT IF DEPT IS ASKED IT WILL RESPOND AS OUTLINED REFTEL.

3. I PROMISED TO KEEP HIM INFORMED OF ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION EMBASSY MAY RECEIVE REGARDING CASE. AVRAMOV THANKED ME AND AGAIN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR DEPT'S PROMPTNESS IN INFORMING GOB OF SEIZURE.
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